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FM AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES
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H PASS: HONORABLE L.S. "SKIP" FAFALIS
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20515

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: CASC (KOONTZ, THELMA)
SUBJECT: W/W: THELMA KOONTZ

REF: (A) CONGRESSMAN FAFALIS' LETTER DATED APRIL 20, 1978,
(B) EMBASSY'S TELEGRAM #3696 TO CONGRESSMAN BAFALIS DATED
MAY 12, 1978

1. ON MAY 17, 1978, CONSULAR OFFICER PERSONALLY VISITED MRS.
THELMA KOONTZ AT HER RESIDENCE LIBERTADOR 4560, APARTMENT 5TH
FLOOR, BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA, TELEPHONE NUMBER 772-3376.
MRS. KOONTZ IS SISTER OF YOUR CONSTITUENT MR. IRA INK, RESIDING AT
2045 BAYSIDE PARKWAY, FORT MYERS, FLORIDA, (TELEPHONE 813-
3321094).

2. MRS. KOONTZ IS NOW RECUPERATING IN BED FROM AN ANKLE
AND HIP FRACTURE WHICH OCCURED SEVERAL MONTHS AGO. MRS. KOONTZ
TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER THAT SHE FEELS MUCH BETTER NOW. SHE
HAS ADEQUATE MEDICAL TREATMENT EACH WEEK, OR MORE FRE-
QUENTLY WHEN NECESSARY FROM DR. MIRTA CATANO, WHO IS A
GENERAL PRACTITIONER AND ALSO THE DAUGHTER OF HER LONG TIME
FRIEND AND COMPANION, MRS. CATANO, THE LATTER RESIDING IN
3RD FLOOR APARTMENT IN SAME BUILDING AS MRS. KOONTZ, WHEN-
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EVER NECESSARY, MRS. KOONTZ REQUESTS THE MEDICAL SERVICES OF
AN ORTHOPEDIC SPECIALIST TO PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ASSISTANCE OR
ADVICE IN HER CASE.

3. MRS. FRANK AND MRS. SULLIVAN TWO VOLUNTEERS FROM THE
BRITISH AMERICAN BENEVOLENT SOCIETY (BABS), A LOCAL COMMU-
NITY WELFARE ORGANIZATION, VISITED MRS. KOONTZ THREE WEEKS

AGO TO ASSURE THAT SHE WAS FEELING WELL AND HAD NO OUTWARD PROBLEMS. THEY PLAN TO CONTINUE TO VISIT HER REGULARLY.

4. MRS. KOONTZ FUTHER TOLD CONSULAR OFFICER THAT HER BROTHER IRA INK TELEPHONED HER LONG DISTANCE FROM FLORIDA TO FIND OUT ABOUT HER HEALTH AND WHETHER SHE NEEDED ANYTHING FROM THE UNITED STATES. MRS. KOONTZ EXPLAINED TO HER BROTHER THAT THERE APPEARED TO BE A MISUNDERSTANDING ON HER PART ABOUT HER LAWYER, DR. GEORGE PARSONS. IT WAS TRUE THAT DR. PARSONS DEPARTED FOR VENEZUELA, BUT BEFORE HE LEFT, HE DID PASS ON TO HIS LEGAL PARTNER, DR. ROCHAS, WITH OFFICES IN BUENOS AIRES AT DIAGONAL NORTE 943 (TELEPHONE 356296), ANY PENDING LEGAL MATTERS WHICH HAD TO BE COMPLETED FOR MRS. KOONTZ, WHO APPARENTLY NOW SEEMS TO BE SATISFIED WITH THE WAY DR. ROCHAS IS HANDLING HER CASE.

5. IF YOU REQUIRE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION ON MRS. KOONTZ, PLEASE DO NOT HESITATE TO WRITE TO OUR EMBASSY.

6. SINCERELY, RAUL CASTRO, AMBASSADOR.
CASTRO

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